the subsidy works out to Rs. 3643/-per tonne.

(b) The gap between indigenous availability and assessed demand for urea is met through imports.

(c) The details of consumption and import of urea during the last three years are as under:

(Lakh tonnes)

| Year | Consumption | Imports (on Govt. account) |
|---|---|---|
| 1992-93 | 149.06 | 18.57 |
| 1993-94 | 158.10 | 28.08 |
| 1994-95 (Estimated) | 172.80 | 28.70 |

(d) During 1994-95, there was a total expenditure of Rs. 5241.02 crores on fertilizer subsidy in respect of controlled fertilizers. For the current year, a Budget provision of Rs. 5400 crores has been made for the same purpose.

**National Watershed Development Project**

*100. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Watershed Development Project for rainfed areas has not made enough progress;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what progress, year-wise, since 1990-91-to-date have been made/financial allocation utilised and results achieved, State-wise; and

(d) whether States were apprised by the Centre of the objectives of the project and required funds for execution of NWDP ensured/provided to them, if so with what result?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR): (a) and (b) The National Watershed Development Project for Rainfed Areas (NWDPRA) has made significant progress since its inception in the year 1990-91.

Under the Project, 115 model watersheds, one in each of these agro-climatic zones in the country, have been accorded technical approval by the Ministry. The rest of the watersheds have been patterned on these model watersheds. In all 2497 micro whatersheds have been sanctioned so far.

(c) The Year-wise and State-wise statements of physical and financial progress are at Annexure (*See* Appendix 174, Annexure No. 18)

(d) Yes, Sir. The States have been apprised of the objectives of the project and required funds for execution of the project have been provided. Till date, Rs 712.808 crores have been released to 25 States and 3 Union Territories and a total of 2,497 micro-watersheds covering an area of over 40.35 lakh hectares are under various stage of development.

**Delegation to Australia and Japan to Study the mining system**

604. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:
SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether a three members delegation of his Ministry had recently paid a visit to Australia and Japan;

(b) if so, whether any in-depth study of the mining system and use of latest technologies in these countries has been made;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of the other achievements made by the delegation during their visit?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) to (d). Yes, Sir. A three member delegation of Ministry of Steel headed by me visited